

THERE IS HOPE!

Bgy. Cagmanaba & Badian, Oas, Albay



PROJ: HEALING THROUGH HOPE

“We wait for our sick to die a natural death in bed for we don’t have the means to bring them to the hospital.” It was not so long ago when we heard those sentiments from the poor people of Brgy. Cagmanaba. The community was located at a very remote area near the sea and as we would fondly say “you have to go through seven mountains before you’ll ever see the place!” That was not even a joke but as a matter of fact declaration. The barangay is situated at the far end of the map of the Bicol region with no decent roads and a handful of vehicles that sparingly ply the route to the closest populated area. The people are mostly poor and they would define their community as “the place that have been forgotten by everybody, by the government and by God.” That was so far from the truth!

Through the initiative of Dignity Products and Services, a Christian Business as Mission endeavor started by Stephen Freed and Don Byker, run and managed locally by mostly International Teams missionaries’; dramatic



Medical and dental mission conducted in Bgy Cagmanaba and Badian sponsored by IT Phils and Dignity products , and Services.

changes happened to the community landscape. Fast forward to year 2020, hundreds were employed at the factory and their salaries enabled them to put good meals on their tables, impressive road networks were laid out by the government to showcase that area as a future industrial park, public buses straight from Manila included the location in their daily travel route opening up the barangay to the outside world. With all the positive things that were happening, a cry for health care and medical services could still be heard. A completely abandoned government owned medical center stand at the heart of the barangay serving as a stark reminder of the absence of such important aspect in the life of a community. This is where There is Hope will come in. We'll start addressing this need one baby step at a time. We believe that the poor has the right to proper medical care and that poverty should never be a hindrance to availing medical attention. The time has come for the people of God to act on this basic need and bring healing through hope to the people

GOAL

The aim of the project is to provide the community with whole year long health care and medical services right within their barangay. We plan to do this by regularly doing Medical, Dental and Alternative Healing missions. These are activities intended to repeatedly bring medical and dental professionals as well as those who are practitioners of natural and Alternative forms of healing to conduct healing missions. We wish to also revive our agreement with the government for full access and use of the abandoned medical center for our "Healing Through Hope" project and convert it to a fully functioning Health Center.



Dr. Aurora Rosario Antinero tirelessly providing dental procedures to a large number of people in the community.



Hundreds of indigents and underprivileged people of Bgy. Cagmanaba felt the love of God through the loving care and attention given to them by the volunteer doctors and dentists who took part in the medical mission.

HEALING Program 1: MEDICAL, DENTAL & ALTERNATIVE HEALING MISSION EVENTS



In partnership with other non-profits who are aligned with IT Phils, we would like to maintain a quarterly Medical, Dental and Alternative Healing mission events. We envision small scale events of this type in order for the plan to be sustainable. We wanted to build up from the small model until we are able to keep a regular medical presence in the community.

Natural and Alternative form of medicine groups will be conducting regular meetings for the purpose of educating the people on proper sanitation, importance of nutrition, plants with medicinal values, therapeutic massage and reflexology.

HEALING Program 2: BOTIKA NG BAYAN

The community deserves to have a decent source of Pharmaceutical products at arm's length. As of the present, they have to travel far to procure even the basic medicines. The travel factor alone drives the cost of medicines to a high level. Many are discouraged to buy as a result. That is a hindering factor to healing that we want to halt. And the best way is to establish, from within the community, a Pharmaceutical center to serve the whole community. Medicines donated will be placed here for free distribution to those who will be in need. Excess medicines from Medical missions could be included in the inventory for the use of the community. We plan to enter into a formal discussion with several NGO's and churches who could help us on this key project.





HEALING Program 3: BARANGAY HEALTH CENTER

We aim to establish a fully functioning and fully manned health center for the barangay. The program aims to cover this area of need by initiating official discussions on the use of existing health facilities and promoting the program to the NGO's and Christian groups with strong medical emphasis. We dream of making available quality health care service to the underprivileged and disadvantaged people of Brgys. Cagmanaba and Badian.

HEALING Program 4: HOPE FOR THE BROKEN

The best medical care would not succeed if the person being treated is in great emotional pain. Our Healing through Hope program intends to cover not just the physical well-being but also the mental, emotional and spiritual state of a person. We believe that true complete healing is experienced by an individual only when the pains on the outside and inside are addressed. That is why we are giving an equal premium to Inner healing and deliverance from possible all possible bondages - addictions, spiritual oppressions, mental depressions, etc.

We envision the formation of multiple Voice of Hope Meetings that will regularly conduct private small group sessions for the purpose of helping individuals recover from their inner pains and burdens. These sessions intend to provide those who are suffering a safe place to unload their burdens and be comforted by loving counsel from our missionary volunteers and be supported and embraced by others who have been through something similar and were completely delivered from it. We see this as a wonderful platform to help them find true freedom and peace through our savior Jesus Christ. We do intend to make this program non- religious in form and open to all coming from any religious background. But since, we



understand that there is no real freedom apart from salvation through our Lord then the gospel will play a primary role in the way we will help those who are suffering and in great pain.

We are still in the process of figuring out where we could hold these sessions and how we would be able to inform the community of the availability of this special healing service. But the invitation to volunteers are now open with preference given to practicing Christian counsellors, intercessors and evangelists.

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WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP?

A. VOLUNTEER

- Choose your preferred date when the Medical Mission events will be held.
- Fill up the Online Registration Form.
- Attend the online pre-departure briefing.
- Join the team bound for Bicol on the prescribed date and time.

B. DONATE (suggested items to contribute)

- Medicines (incl. dental anesthesia)
- Medical Items (thermometers, BP, blood glucose test kit, weighing scale, etc.)
- Vitamins and Herbal supplements
- Eye glasses, face masks, bandages, walking canes, wheel chairs, etc.
- Financial support for the Health Projects
- *Time & expertise in the medical, dental alternative & inner healing field.*

C. CHAMPION

- Serve as an emotionally invested spokesperson for the ministry.
- Set up and lead a prayer group committed to intercede for the community
- Mobilize for the ministry by inviting other believers to join.
- Challenge the people of God to support the initiative through their donations. Rally the believers to contribute either in cash or in kind.



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